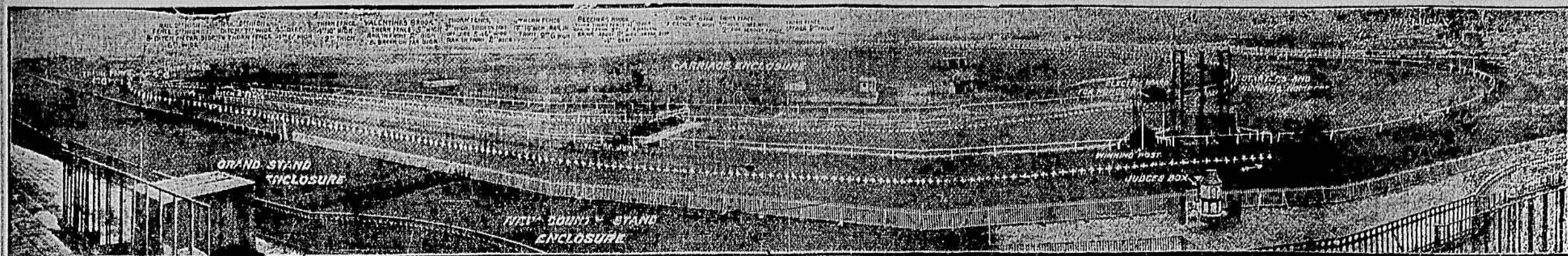


## GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE COURSE AND INCIDENTS WHICH OCCURRED AT ITS LAST RUNNING



## LONDON CHASE A BANNER EVENT

Graphic Story of the Winning of Grand National Cross-Country.

## EREMON THE PROUD WINNER

Hammered at Every Fence by the Riderless Rathvale, He Turns Defeat Into Victory.

By far the greatest steeplechase event in Europe—in fact, the greatest in the world—is that which was run last month at Liverpool, England, the Grand National Steeplechase. Perhaps no other big stake event in the world attracts such a widespread amount of interest as this Grand National Steeplechase, an account of which is given below, from "The Sphere," one of England's best authorities on all branches of high-class sport, and especially on all things pertaining to horse-racing. The story, graphically told, follows:

"On Friday the Grand National Steeplechase was the one and absorbing topic of interest, and never, perhaps, did such an enormous gathering of spectators testify to the undiminished popularity of the great jumping race of the year. Rumors of all sorts were in the air. As yet, Silver was to win more easily than he did last year; something had gone wrong with Eremon, and both these notions were reflected in the ring. Prince Fitzfield's last year's winner jumping into equal favor with Red Lad, at 7 to 1, only, however, to be immediately brought back to 8 to 1.

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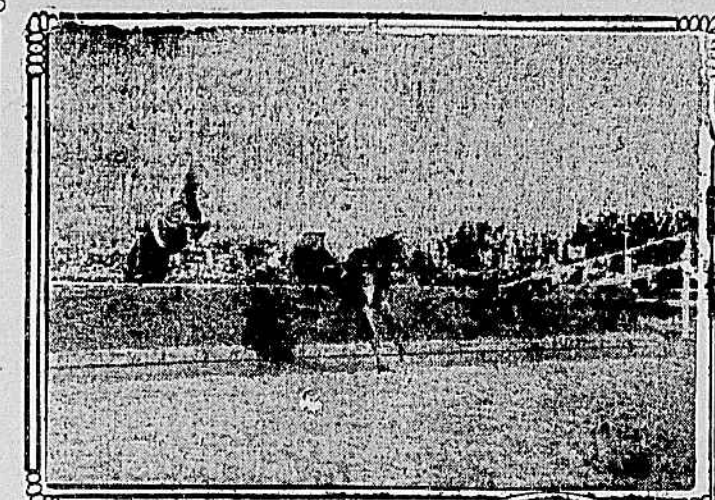
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all the rage, several undoubted authorities refuted the assumption that the Moltan colt was the "greatest of American racehorses." As a matter of fact, Hindoo did everything asked of him, and coming down to a later day, we question Sysonby's ability to have "taken" Hermis at any distance when the son of Hermis was at his best.

This matter of thoroughbred deterioration will be a issue among breeders during the next few years. It brings up the question of excessive two-year-old racing and its evil effects upon the breed of American racehorses.

In reference to the coming English season, here is a date schedule of the principal events to be run over there, including the famed English Derby at Epsom:

Great Metropolitan, two miles and a quarter, April 26th.

Two Thousand Guineas, one mile, May 1st.

One Thousand Guineas, one mile, May 3d.

Chester Cup, two miles and a quarter, May 8th.

Kompton Park Great Jubilee, one mile and a quarter, May 11th.

Manchester Cup, one mile and a half, May 24th.

Epsom Derby, one mile and a half, June 5th.

The Oaks, one mile and a half, June 7th.

Grand Prix de Paris, one mile and seven-eighths, June 16th.

Liverpool Cup, one mile and three-quarters, July 30th.

Goodwood Cup, two miles, August 1st.

The St. Leger, one mile, six furlongs and 132 yards, September 11th.

Doncaster Cup, about two miles, September 14th.

Jockey Club Stakes, one mile and three-quarters, October 2d.

The Cesarewitch, two miles and a quarter, October 16th.

The Cambridgeshire, one mile and an eighth, October 30th.

Dewhurst Plate, seven furlongs, October 31st.

Greer May Not Row.

BOSTON, MASS., April 20.—The rumor that Frank Greer, the sculler, might row for the Diamond Sculls at the Henley regatta in England, for which Constance S. Titus has declared his intention of entering, will probably end in talk.

A well-known oarsman says that the Boston Athletic Association is not considering Greer as a sculler, and, further, that Greer is not eligible under the Henley rules. In view of the stand taken by the Henley stewards last winter to discourage the entry of American oarsmen, it is improbable that the entries of either Titus or West will be accepted.

Should Be Banner Year for Whitney's Stables.

Sandringham Expected to Prove a Second Richmond Among Two-Year-Olds.

By J. S. A. Mac DONALD.

NEW YORK, April 20.—Though none of the valuable two-year-olds in the stables of New York's millionaires have shown so far at the Aqueduct meeting, two score or so of priceless thoroughbreds are now in point under the direction of the star trainers of the East. The clockers are getting a line on them, while by the time they are ready to go to the races at Belmont Park next month, the whole racing world will have a pretty fair idea of just who is who and what is what concerning these equine babies.

As usual the chief trainers have the best babies. By common consent, this year is going to be a banner one with the stable of Harry Payne Whitney, who has been assured to obtain consignments to offer on market in the land. In years gone by, his Meddler youngsters stood as the Whitney reliance, but another Richmond is now in the field. This is Sandringham. This imported sire has sent about as fine a lot of colts and fillies to the races this spring as ever went to the care of Trainer John Rodgers.

"Prizes" Will Be Reserved.

The colts of the lot will be raced late in the current meeting and at Jamaica, but the prize juveniles of the "Eton blue" will be reserved for the opening at Belmont Park, where the \$15,000 Juvenile Stakes and the \$25,000 National Stallion Stakes are sure to bring out the flavor of the establishment.

Rodgers thinks well of a filly by Sandringham, who he thinks may worthily fill the place left vacant by Tanya, the celebrated Meddler mare.

The name of this Sandringham miss is Forge, dam the old-time steeplechase mare, Forget. A bay filly, by Ham-burg-Morningside, is also talked about. This filly is one of the leggy upstanding sort which will not come to hand until the warm weeks of June or July. Bonnie Star, a chestnut filly, by Star Shoot-Bonnie Blue II, is also the tip of the paddock. It appears that Rodgers has a great band of fillies, but is lamentably weak with the cold division.

Bar None Looks Good.

The best colt, so far as recent works indicate, is a fellow by Nasturtium-Equality. He is called Bar None. He worked a very fast quarter for Rodgers last Sunday, and the stable hands are saving up to have a flyer on him in his first start. Yankee has not a single exceptional property for the son or daughter in the lot. However, it is a wise trainer who withholds a prediction concerning this or that two-year-old until they get to the races, for many a scrawny one on the gallop grounds amounts to a star when the silks are up.

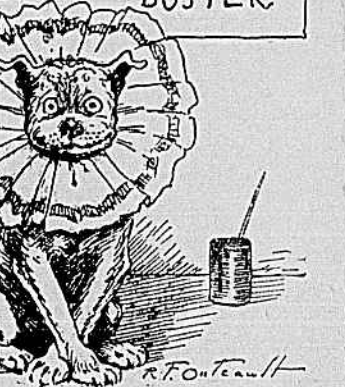
All followers of the turf will be pleased to hear of the fine prospects of Mr. Whitney's stable, for he deserves a more than ordinary degree of success this coming summer. Nothing but ill-luck attended the stable in 1906. First the great mare, Artful, was thrown out of training for the Suburban Handicap and retired to Brookdale farm. Then came the break-down of Burgomaster, probably the best of the three-year-olds and certainly the master of Accountant. This came right after the son of Hamburg had won the Belmont Stakes. As if the cup of bitterness had not filled to the rim, Tanya, the best daughter of Meddler, broke training with an attack of lung fever, and was sent to the farm.

Stable's Greatest Success.

At times the ordinary colt, Ironsides, was the only racehorse fit to bear the Whitney colors. The stable's greatest success came with the victory of Killaloe in a good stake over James R. Keene's Pope Joan and other good ones. The fact that Harry Payne Whitney estimated the loss at carrying his stable in 1906 at \$50,000 gives one an idea of just what sort of money is entailed in keeping up a first-class racing stable on the Metropolitan turf. On the whole, this looks like a Whitney year. Late advice says that Burgomaster will stand training again.

The British flat racing season will soon be under full headway. As is the case in this country, the turf in John

RESOLVED THAT IF YOU WANT TO LOOK LIKE A CLOWN GET A CLOWN'S OUTFIT AND BE DONE WITH IT. BUT IF YOU WANT TO REALLY LOOK WELL DRESSED COME TO A PLACE WHERE THEY'VE GOT THE GOODS BUSTER.



A CLOWN'S OUTFIT

IF YOU DO NOT BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE GOT THE GOODS, JUST COME AROUND AND SEE. THOSE WHO HAVE DEALT WITH US KNOW WE HAVE GOT THE GOODS AND THEY CONTINUE TO DEAL WITH US, WE REFER YOU TO OUR CUSTOMERS AS TO THE QUALITY, STYLE AND PRICE ON OUR GOODS. WE WISH YOU WOULD COME IN AND SEE IN OUR STORE THE GOODS WE PRICE YOU BELOW ON PAPER.